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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Memorandum

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Date: November 4, 2010

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(2)

To: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Resolution No. R-1097-10

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Homeless Trust to Issue a Request for Proposals to Design and Construct a Domestic Violence Center and for Domestic Violence Center Operation

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorize the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to utilize the Homeless Trust to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified vendors to: 1) design and construct a second domestic violence center; and 2) operate the domestic violence center. The results of the RFP process shall be reviewed by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, who shall bring a recommendation for selection of providers to the Board for award of contracts and lease agreements for a developer and center operator.

Scope

The proposed domestic violence center is planned for an underserved area in Southwest Miami-Dade County. However, the impact would be countywide in scope because the center will serve domestic violence survivors and their dependents throughout Miami-Dade County. The proposed new domestic violence center plans are for forty (40) additional emergency shelter beds based on budget projections with flexibility for expanding capacity to fifty (50) beds in the future.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The design, construction and operation of the proposed domestic violence center would be funded by the County's Domestic Violence Oversight Board (DVOB) Trust Fund. The Trust Fund receives fifteen (15) percent of the Local Option Food and Beverage Tax specifically designated for construction and operation of new domestic violence centers. This project will not require support from the County's General Fund.

Track Record/Monitor

The RFP process will be directed and monitored by the Homeless Trust as the department delegated to provide staff support to the Domestic Violence Oversight Board.

Background

The first domestic violence center constructed and operated with the Food and Beverage Tax, The Lodge, opened in March 2004 and has since provided emergency shelter for more than 2,500 domestic violence survivors and their dependents. In addition to emergency shelter, The Lodge provides a broad array of services including but not limited to face-to-face and telephone counseling; assessments of service needs for children affected by domestic violence; court advocacy for domestic violence survivors; community education and professional training; safety planning and danger assessments; information and referral services; outreach services for women, children and men who are domestic violence survivors; daycare for children of

domestic violence survivors; transitional housing placements and alternative placements when no shelter beds are available.

Currently, the existing certified domestic violence centers in Miami-Dade County are often operating at capacity. Consequently, there is a lack of available dedicated emergency shelter beds for domestic violence survivors and their dependents at an extremely critical and dangerous time in their lives. Presently, one hundred three (103) of the County's certified emergency shelter beds are located in the northwest area and twenty-four (24) are located in southwest Miami-Dade County. The need for additional capacity is urgent and was re-emphasized in the 2010 Update to the DVOB Domestic Violence Plan that called for an increase in emergency shelter beds and support services by 30% over the next five (5) years. Construction and operation of this second center will significantly address some of the unmet needs for domestic violence survivors and their dependents in Miami-Dade County.

Assistant County Manager

MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 4, 2010

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 10(A)(2)

Please note any items checked.

_____ **"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**

_____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

_____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

_____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **No committee review**

_____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous _____) to approve**

_____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-1097-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO UTILIZE THE HOMELESS TRUST AS THE ISSUING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A SECOND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER AND FOR THE CENTER'S OPERATION

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board approves the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) through the Homeless Trust to design and construct a domestic violence center and for the center's operation.

Section 2. The results of the RFP process shall be reviewed by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee, who shall bring a recommendation for selection of the providers to the Board of County Commissioners for award of contracts and leases for a developer and a center operator.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorrin D. Rolle	absent	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of November, 2010. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **DIANE COLLINS**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Shannon D. Summerset

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